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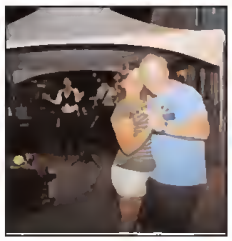

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# Trackside at twilight

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Susan O'Malley and Craig Wells of O'Malley's Rant, performing at the Fort Erie Racetrack on Tuesday, following a full twilight racing card. Every Tuesday for the rest of the summer, live music will be offered at the track.

## Fresh ideas at Racetrack

Evening racing and Tiki Bar draw in new crowds

**Kris Dubé**
The Times

The Fort Erie Racetrack is much more than a place to simply throw some money down on a horse race.

It's becoming more of a venue to entertain, to attract new people to the 114-year-old facility.

In its second year, Twilight Racing has been creating a buzz around the border oval and throughout the local community and its surrounding area.

In 2010, evening races starting at 4 p.m. hit the track and drew in people from all over Niagara and parts of Western New York.

This year, there are many more dates for twilight racing than in the past...with 24 cards throughout the 2011 meet.

Chief operating officer Rick Cowan said although twilight crowds have become smaller since it kicked off for 2011 back in June, it doesn't mean it won't do as well as it did last year.

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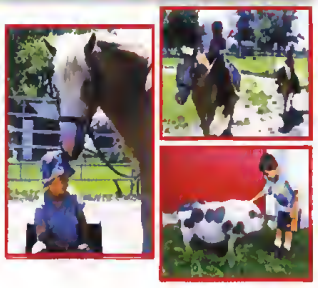


# Concert series runs until end of summer

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"When you spread it out over a longer period of time, the results can be diluted," said Cowan.

It was reported elsewhere that on-track wagering has decreased 10 per cent since last year, but Cowan said that isn't the case.

The amount of bets being placed on races coming out of the gate at the local track is pretty consistent, he said. But it's the attention Fort Erie Racetrack gets from other off-track betting sites across the continent that is a struggle.

"As far as wagering on-track, we're quite pleased with the trend we're experiencing, but off-track seems to be a concern," said Cowan.

Features like twilight racing and the Tuesday concert series at the recently built Tiki Bar are events that Cowan agrees need to continue, in order to bring new faces to the track and perhaps introduce them to a world they knew nothing about before.

> **"As far as wagering on track, we're quite pleased with the trend we're experiencing but off-track seems to be a concern"**
>
> *—Rick Cowan*
> *Chief operating officer*

"We find we're getting a lot of new people to the track because of the Tiki Bar and the concerts we're having," said Cowan.

"We're doing everything we possibly can to provide opportunities for everyone to enjoy the races and do something else when they get there too," he added.

This weekend, there will be plenty to do for everyone as the track hosts its Family Day on Sunday.

The day will consist of an abundance of fun activities for kids, along with a full race card that will see the first race go off at the usual 12:45 p.m. post time.

On Monday, the track will offer ladies night for the second consecutive year.

"This event was held for the first time last July and proved to be one of the most popular days of the season," said Elissa Blowe, manager of media and marketing at the track.

Located in the picnic area next to the walking ring there will be a variety of booths to pamper female patrons. Hand scrubs, eye brow sugaring, manicures and massages will be made readily available. A local spa will also treat lucky ladies to makeovers.

Fans will also have the opportunity to meet some of the track's popular female jockeys who will sign autographs and hand out free photos.

The event will close on Monday will a free concert from the Toronto-based band Off the Wall.

On Tuesday Aug. 2, Stonewall will perform a free concert following the day's races at 7:30 p.m.

The following Tuesday, Gatorbait will hit the stage and on Aug. 16, Fort Erie's own Amber Reigns will perform.


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Denise Southward and Ryan Martin, residents of Beamsville who own a cottage in Crystal Beach, were just two of the hundreds of people who attended last weekend's music shuffle.

# Weekend shuffle in Crystal Beach

**Kris Dubé**
The Times

Crystal Beach has more to offer in the summer months than a beautiful sandy waterfront that attracts visitors from all over.

On Saturday night, the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area held one of its 'music shuffles' that encourages patrons to visit a handful of establishments in the area for live music, such as the South Coast Cookhouse and the Crystal Chandelier.

Guests were handed a 'passport' to be signed at participating bars and restaurants, also including the Paddy Wagon and Sneaker's Bar and Grill.

Going back a few decades in Crystal Beach, when the amusement park was in its heyday, Derby Road was playfully referred to as 'hot dog alley,' which is where South Coast Cookhouse set up its stage for a performance from the Kitt Kat Collective, a jazz group headed by singer Juliet Dunn.

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Almost one third of patients surveyed by the American Dental Association at the turn of the century thought it very important that their dentist have lasers. Dentists, therefore, felt the need to keep current and on the cutting edge of their profession.

The bottom line is that lasers do have legitimate uses in dentistry, however, they do not take the place of any of the more conventional tools used in dentistry. Their effectiveness in surgery, caries removal or bleaching is generally less than conventional tools. The costs of laser equipment and the less than stellar performance make most practioners question the need.

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# Businesses work together for unique musical event

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Following their set, Dunn said she loves coming to Crystal Beach to perform for a usually receptive crowd.

"Tonight was fantastic," she said.

Dunn feels there is a genuine respect for all forms of music in Greater Fort Erie and anytime she plays in Crystal Beach, she normally hears positive feedback from people of all ages and walks of life.

"We just love the clientele that's in Crystal Beach, they're just huge music lovers," she said.

"It's great to see people in their 20's enjoying this kind of music," added the singer.

The drummer in Dunn's group, Graham Lear, is no stranger to performing in front of a live audience, since he was Carlos Santana's beat-keeper from 1976 until 1988, recording every live album the acclaimed guitarist and his band put out during that time, as well as playing sold out stadiums across the world.

"It was a really busy time for me," said Lear, who recently moved to Niagara about four years ago.

He enjoyed the event and was also glad to return to Crystal Beach, a place he hasn't visited since he was a teenager.

"It was a blast... and it's great to be down here," he said.

Phil Smith, one of the event's organizers said the third shuffle, which was held last Saturday, is becoming a staple of entertainment for both locals and guests alike.

"Each time it has grown a little bigger and the feedback has been really good," said Smith, the proprietor of South Coast Cookhouse.

Not only does it provide a variety of musical acts such as the Kitt Kat Collective and Steve Burnside and the Marquis, who performed the same night at the Crystal Chandelier... it showcases the neighbourhood and everything that can be enjoyed there.

"I feel confident that it's introducing to a lot of new people, what Crystal Beach has to offer," said Smith.

What makes the event unique, is the fact that a handful of bars and restaurants in Crystal Beach who are essentially in competition with one another, work harmoniously to host the event.

"If we can team up and attract more people to the area, it's going to be good for all of us," said Smith.

The next shuffle will be Aug. 6, followed by another on Aug. 27.


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# Input needed for social assistance review

**Sarah Ferguson**
The Times

All it takes is an injury or the loss of a job and anyone can find themselves needing social assistance and it's time to see if these programs are working.

The province has undertaken the task of reviewing Social Assistance in Ontario and its programs—Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

Two commissioners for the review —Frances Lankin and Munir Sheikh — paid a visit to Niagara in the beginning of July. They spoke to various social service providers and with people who use social assistance.

Mary Anne Feagan, a community health worker and Rhonda Barron, health promoter for the Bridges Community Health Centre are asking for the community's input as part of the province-wide review.

A review of social assistance programs in Ontario is very much needed says Barron. The last examination of the social assistance system was 13 years ago.

"We hope we can identify where all of the cracks are in the system, to see what's not working, and what is working and how to improve it."

The public meeting will be held on Aug. 5 from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the Bridges Community Health Centre on Garrison Road. The discussion will ask questions about barriers to obtaining employment, issues with the benefits provided by OW and ODSP and whether or not the rules and regulations of the programs are understood by those who use it.

Barron is taking an active role in interviewing people who use social assistance and gathering their experiences while using the program. The information from the public meeting in Fort Erie and a public meeting to be held in Port Colborne along with personal interviews conducted by the health centre will be compiled into a report and given to the commissioners for their examination to give their recommendations.

The health workers say they hope to dispel stereotypes people may have about individuals using social assistance programs.

"There is this stereotype that people on social assistance don't want to work," Feagan says. But, in most cases, she says many people want to work but have a difficult time securing employment.

"Lack of transportation is in an issue in Fort Erie which doesn't help the situation either."

Feagan and Barron say they hope to see the benefits given in social assistance reviewed as well as the rules and regulations of the system.

As of December 2010, a single person on OW receives $592 and a single parent with one child receives $1,014 a month.

To offer comments to be included with the health centre's report, contact Barron by Aug. 12 at 905-871-7621 ex. 2226. Or visit www.socialassistanceinterview.ca to direct your comments to the commissioners by Sept. 1.


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our editorial

## Start paying attention to provincial candidates

The provincial election is two months away....give or take a few days.

So, this means it's really time to start paying attention to the issues that matter, but it's also crucial to assess the candidates.

In an editorial like this, it's integral to be fair and balanced...saying that all three local candidates are a good choice.

This is very true.

George Lepp, a farmer from Niagara-on-the-Lake, is running for the Conservatives under the leadership of Ontario PC leader and Fort Erie native Tim Hudak. He cares about Niagara as a candidate, but imagine if the Conservatives were in power and the premier was from Fort Erie. Nothing but good will come of it.

Kim Craitor (Liberal incumbent) has been Fort Erie's representative for almost eight years and knows everything there is to know about local issues in Fort Erie and the rest of Niagara. He attends basically any event he is invited to and has been seen first hand being taken aside by a constituent to talk about what's on his or her mind at these functions, when really he is just there to congratulate someone on a milestone or support a local organization and its endeavours. What we're saying is that he will take the time to talk politics with anyone, anywhere any place and doesn't make it seem like a bother. He truly cares.

Wayne Redekop (NDP) served as mayor of Fort Erie for nine years. He knows this town like the back of his hand and is at the top of the list when it comes to candidates who could be poised to make a change in health care for Niagara, among many other things.

Local residents have three excellent choices in the October provincial election and we hope readers will start to realize this and pay attention.

*-Kris Dubé*

## Do You Remember?

Many thanks to Mike Daniels and Patty Mountain for identifying the high-flying Irvin Aerospace employees in last week's photo. From left to right: John Simis, in sales and marketing, and Floyd Martineau, an engineering consultant for parachute development. The men were reportedly avid skydivers, with John testing many of the company's parachute designs!

In this week's photo we are back on the ground - can anyone identify these hard-working men or their building project?

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## A story about Crystal Beach that doesn't involve a condo

**Kris Dubé**
Editor's Notebook

I'm going to talk about Crystal Beach this week...and my comments have very little to do with the controversial condominium project that is usually the focal point of any recent news story about the area.

On Saturday, myself and some friends attended the Crystal Beach music shuffle and to sum it up briefly... it was a great event.

Ward 5 has seen a series of ups and downs over the last few decades, with the closure of the Crystal Beach Amusement Park and rising poverty rates to cite a couple of examples.

But what I saw on Saturday was enthusiasm for the area, an event that illuminates the pride people have in Crystal Beach and why so many individuals and families set up there in cottages for months at a time during the summer.

If and when the Crystal Beach Gateway Project is built, I would assume this would only grow stronger... but like I said earlier, that's not what I'm here to talk about.

What I have noticed over the last few years, is how the area seems to be improving. It has that classy feel again that seemed to vanish a while ago, but with the addition of a few restaurants and a BIA that has some great ideas on how to attract new people, things seem to be on the "up and up."

There is still a long way to go, don't get me wrong. But I hope the ongoing trend of improvements to Crystal Beach I've seen, continues to become more visible and more people will sit back and realize what I'm saying in this week's column.

I've lived here my whole life and will admit that it isn't very often that I go to Crystal Beach if it isn't for work purposes... but this has changed this summer.

There are things to do there that have drawn me out on weekends, which wasn't the case only a few years ago.

I expect that all residents are proud of where they live and the specific area they spend most of their time, but I hope the general public will really take a look at what's going on in Crystal Beach and be optimistic that things will only get better.

Leave me feedback at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at editorial@forterietimes.com.

# opinion page

## ' You need to spend money to make money,' says reader

*Dear Editor,*

Every week it seems that a new issue arises in Town and the recent decision by council to hold an operational review is no different.

I believe strongly the decision to hold an operational review of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie to be a sound one. To best understand this issue, we should not approach it with partisan politics or emotional reactions but with good business sense and sound judgment.

The review's cost of $91,247 is a significant amount of money, there is no denying that.

But as the old adage goes "you need to spend money to make money" or in this case, spend money to save money.

How does this apparent contradiction work?

Well it's quite simple, the consultants will use their knowledge and expertise to help Town Staff and Council find ways to promote more efficient and effective service delivery at Town Hall.

The savings found will be reinvested in us, the tax payers, in the form of lower taxes or increased services. These annual savings don't have to be massive to make this operational review a success.

For example let's say the results of the operational review will be useful for the next five years and that interest rates will average three per cent over that time (just an example).

The Town simply needs to realize a cost savings greater than $91247 x 1.15= $104,934 or a mere $21000 per year over five years. This is a simplistic example but it exposes a major flaw in the naysayer's arguments- the assumption that the entire cost needs to be recovered immediately or this review is a waste.

The Town simply needs to save more money over time as a result of the review than it could make by investing the money in something else.

It's like buying insulation for your house.

You don't insulate with the expectation of saving the entire insulation cost off your next year's heating bills.

That's just foolish.

You do so with the certainty that over the course of time you will more than make your money back in the form of lower heating bills.

The review works in exactly the same way.

The Town invests some money now to get professional advice and recommendations that, once implemented, will allow every taxpayer in Fort Erie to reap the rewards of lower taxes and better services now and into the future.

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*Eric Hampel*
*Ridgeway*

## Family says thanks for support

*Dear Editor,*

Thank you to all who attended the 11th annual Ed Chadwick Charity Golf Tournament. It was an overwhelming response of caring and generosity.

Thank you to our families, friends, co-workers and businesses for the hole sponsorships. Once again, your generosity was overwhelming.

Thank you to Larry and Wendy Gibson of Fort Erie Golf Club for all of your hard work and to their wonderful, smiling staff.

Thank you to Ed Chadwick (Mr. Ed) and Lou Coshan for choosing us to benefit from your annual golf tournament. You're both definitely one of the "good people." You really know how to put the light in a child's eyes. Your kindness and generosity is amazing.

Our daughter, who received financial support from the golf tournament, still has over a year of chemotherapy in her battle against leukemia. Your help in getting us through this will not be forgotten.

This was truly an awesome, wonderfully fun day for all of us.

It's been a while since we were all able to go out and have a great day.

Thank you to everyone for the smiles.

*The Patrick Family*

## The TIMES Asks

*What is your favorite summer-time activity?*

**Loganne Lomoscolo**

"like it when its really hot and I can lay by the pool and I don't have to go to work. "

**Mary Martino**

"Sitting on the porch over looking the lake while reading a good book."

**Hannah Stehling**

"I like taking gymnas–tics and swimming in the summer."

**Sharon Domon**

"I enjoy staying in the air conditioning and doing jigsaw puzzles."

### What do you think?

E–mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905–871–3100, ext. 207

## Take the Times

Chuck Goodyear went on a trip to Vietnam for three weeks in June. He brought along the Fort Erie Times for reading. He is standing in a Buddhist monastery in a cave in the mountains. To get there he had to take a two hour bus ride, followed by a two hour boat ride and a hour and a half long trolley ride.

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# Alcohol a factor in serious motor vehicle collision

On Monday, at approximately 2:40 p.m., members of the Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Emergency Medical Services and the Fort Erie Fire Department responded to reports of a serious motor vehicle collision on Phipps Street east of Thompson Road.

Initial police investigation at the collision scene determined that a Grey 2004 Hyundai Santa Fe SUV was being operated westbound on Phipps Street, when the vehicle veered to the left and entered the eastbound traffic lane, then the Santa Fe veered right (north) across both traffic lanes and entered a ditch on the north side of the roadway where it rolled over and landed on its wheels. The driver a 45 year-old male resident of Fort Erie sustained life-threatening injuries in the collision and had to be extricated from the SUV by members of the FEFD he was transported by ambulance to Niagara Falls where he was transferred to an air ambulance and flown to Hamilton General Hospital, where he remains in critical condition. A 44 year-old female resident of Fort Erie, who was the front seat passenger in the Hyundai sustained minor injuries, she was transported by ambulance to the Greater Niagara General Hospital. The Hyundai Santa Fe was only motor vehicle involved in this collision. Alcohol is being considered a factor.


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## Have you seen this sign?

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# Lepp promotes PC party's small business bill of rights

The Ontario PC party says it will be the best partner small business has ever had.

On Monday, Niagara Falls candidate George Lepp visited Miller's Auto Recycling, one of two stops in his riding, where he promoted the party's small business bill of rights to the local company.

The purpose of the bill of rights is to recognize that small businesses are the engine of growth, job creation and prosperity in Ontario. There are five specific rights contained in it that the party says will guarantee fair, helpful and equal treatment from the provincial government if the PC's are elected into power, under the leadership of Fort Erie native Tim Hudak.

Lepp was joined at the media availability by Ernie Hardeman, MPP for the Oxford riding, on Monday, who shares the beliefs of Lepp and the rest of the party, that this bill is something that needs to be implemented.

"Small businesses are a source not only of jobs and opportunity, but also the innovation, hard work and risk-taking that are essential to a strong and modern economy. A Tim Hudak government will be the best partner small business ever had," said Hardeman.

Lepp, who is running to be Fort Erie's representative at the province after the October election, says everywhere he goes, constituents are saying they have had enough of premier Dalton McGuinty's "tax grabs, expensive energy experiments and excessive red tape" that is impacting small business's ability to grow and be successful.

"Our small business bill of rights will guarantee they get fair, helpful and equal treatment from their government," said Lepp.

The Ontario PC's say the bill will reduce the amount of red tape that holds back small business by appointing a minister responsible for reducing the regulatory burden by 30 per cent.

A choice over mandatory smart meter energy pricing will be an option for business owners, says the Ontario PC party.

It is also believed by the PC's that fast and efficient customer service standards for small business dealings with government will improve with this bill of rights, along with the ability to bid on government contracts.

The provincial election is October 6.

George Lepp is running for the PC's, against Liberal incumbent Kim Craitor and former Fort Erie mayor Wayne Redekop, who is representing the NDP party.

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

George Lepp, middle, with Ernie Hardeman and representatives from Miller's Auto Recycling on Monday. Lepp was in town discussing the Ontario PC's small business bill of rights.


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# Minister honoured for missionary work in Nigeria

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

MPP Kim Craitor, mayor Doug Martin, Harvey Stromme and Anna Annunziata as a representative for Rob Nicholson, celebrated Stromme's 45 years of missionary service in Nigeria recently at United Brethren Church on Garrison Road.

**Sarah Ferguson**
The Times

It takes Harvey Stromme about 17 hours of flying time to reach Abuja—the capital of Nigeria.

Working with Serving in Mission since 1966, the Fort Erie minister says he is living an amazing life filled with exciting challenges and experiences.

For six months at a time, the Fort Erie native travels to Nigeria to work as a missionary. He also teaches basic skills such as how to garden, how to cook healthy meals and how to sew to help people live healthier and better lives.

"It's more than satisfying than anything else— I wish I had another life to live it all over again."

He was honoured last weekend with a dinner and presentation at United Brethren Church on Garrison Road to celebrate his 45 years of services in the African country.

"Whenever the world needs him, he travels there," said MPP Kim Craitor. The MPP, mayor Doug Martin and Anna Annunziata, a representative for MP Rob Nicholson thanked Stromme for his many years of Service.

Now in his 88th year, Stromme says his age won't discourage him from going to Nigeria to help the people there.

"I have six rocking chairs and I don't even use one," he joked.

He says he used to stay in Nigeria for 3 years at a time, but new laws regarding health care requires Stromme to travel back to his Fort Erie home every six months to keep his health benefits.

He says the need in the country is great.

"We help the youngest child to the oldest person, to dope addicts to women on the streets to widows."

Harvey would help people with basic medical needs, help sick people, or help orphans he found in the streets.

Even though he has enjoyed his time volunteering, he says it hasn't always been easy.

"Not always a rosy deal. I always kept my eye on the main goal and I didn't let anything get in the way."

# Awards of business excellence

It's time to nominate local businesses for their excellent service and presence in the community.

The Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce is partnering with OLG Slots to present the Business Excellence Awards.

Nominations are now open for community members, business owners, employees and the public to nominate deserving businesses — both Chamber members and non members —whose leadership, constructive vision, competitive edge and positive contributions have stimulated growth and development in Fort Erie.

Categories for nominations include large and small businesses of excellence, employer of the year accessible business, technology and Innovation and Volunteerism, young professional of the year, new business of the year and technology, innovation and environmental initiative.

Nominations will be accepted until Aug. 19.

Businesses will be recognized in a brand new way at the Business Excellence Awards Gala featuring a reception presented by Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery and Fort Erie Secondary School's culinary students under the direction of teacher Afshin Keyvani.

The special affair is scheduled for Oct. 14 at the Old Fort Erie Visitor Centre.

Tickets to the event are $30 per person. Nominations received prior to Aug. 1 will be included in a draw for two complimentary tickets to the award ceremony.

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# Pickett plays the blues at Sanctuary for the Arts

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

It has been a passion growing inside of him from the very first time he picked up a harmonica when he was just 13 years-old.

Michael Pickett, a singer, songwriter and two-time Juno nominee, set up his guitars and played an intimate show to a crowd at the Sanctuary for the Arts in Ridgeway recently with proceeds going to COPE and the Fort Erie Arts Council.

Sounds of blues, a deep voice and a rich-sounding guitar made for an amazing musical experience unlike any other.

"He's really been a musician all his life," says his wife Louise Pickett.

"Mike's a song writer — he doesn't regurgitate "old blues." His music is compelling, jaw-dropping at times and you can get so deep into it, you'll feel like a fly on the wall."

She says his inspiration for blues came from listening to old favourites such as Sonny Terry and Brownie McGee and he uses these inspirations to develop his own original and personal pieces.

"He didn't understand the music, but he fell in love and he has been that way ever since."

Watching the blues musician begin to set up his stage is an interesting experience because he takes small details very seriously. From the way his guitar stand is positioned, to his chair, to the way his guitar cases are displayed.

"He's very focused at what he does, and it is for a purpose."

His guitar cases are filled with stickers from every place the musician has travelled From London, to places in the coast and all over Canada.

"They are there to tell a story—those guitars travel with me wherever I go and they just tell what happened and where I've played."

Pickett says he enjoys playing music, but he says he doesn`t fully understand the art of music. He says there are many different sounds, and feelings it can evoke.

"I know music is beyond my understanding —it's part of the human condition, of every race of humanity and everyone makes music. I can't fully understand that."

The musician says he plays music just because, and if someone happens to enjoy it, Pickett appreciates that.

His shows are what may be deemed as unconventional because he doesn't play a song that is three minutes and 30 seconds long. He doesn't always have what he calls a "hook" and what he plays is not something that would be heard on top 40 radio stations.

What Pickett does is very personal to him, playing and talking to the audience. During his performance, he is never quite sure how long his sets will be, or what exactly he will play—it's different every time.

During his time on stage, Pickett says he likes to listen to the music he is playing and take in his surroundings.

Michael Pickett

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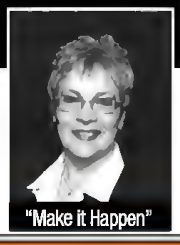
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# Local golf pro tops Niagara's leaderboard

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Local resident Mark Strugar won the Niagara District pro golfers championship on Monday. On Aug. 14 he will be holding an event to raise money for the charity Alivia's Rainbows.

**Kris Dubé**
The Times

For the third time in his career, local resident Mark Strugar can be considered the best active golfer in Niagara.

The 34-year-old and certified pro at Legends on the Niagara took a three-stroke lead to the top of the leaderboard at Monday's Niagara District men's PGA championship, held at Willodell Golf Club.

He put up a final score of 67 on the par 72 course, adding to his victories at the same contest in 2006 and 2008.

A good start on the first few holes and seeking the pin with accuracy was what got him to the top of the tournament he said, when meeting with the Times at Fort Erie Golf this week, a local course coincidentally owned by his father-in-law.

"I hit my irons really solid all day," said Strugar.

The pro says he like everyone else, has his bad rounds that don't look the way this one did on the scorecard when it was all over.... but when greens continue to be hit in regulation and putts drop when you need them to, that's when the end result is a score like the one he put up on Monday.

"It's easy when everything goes the right way," he said.

Although some Niagara courses have suffered considerably from the dry weather, a rainstorm the night before the tournament really helped, allowing for more receptive greens that kept shots close to the pin.

"The soft conditions really let you hit it where you want," said Strugar.

When he isn't working on his own game, Strugar has also been planning an event at Fort Erie Golf Club on Aug. 14, called the 1,000 Ball Challenge, raising money for Alivia's Rainbows, a charity started by his local friends Chantal and Craig Vanderklei in memory of their daughter who passed away from cancer last year.

The charity helps support pediatric oncology patients and their families with offsetting the costs that may be a burden for families going through a tough time.

He has already sold 1,000 balls at two dollars each and will be striking all of them at a distance of 135 yards, at the driving range at Fort Erie Golf.

If you bought a ball and Strugar holes it, a $500 prize will be handed out.

He estimates it will take him about ten hours to go through all 1,000 golf balls.

"I'm really pumped about it," he said.

The public is welcomed to cheer him on as he will take to the tee at 9 a.m. on Aug. 14.

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Dated this 18th day of July, 2011.

Brenda Carol McLean and Catherine Louise Zanchin, Estate Trustees

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the estate of John Lazarus Mazmanian late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, deceased.

All claims against the estate of John Lazarus Mazmanian, late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on or about January 10, 2011, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before August 5, 2011;
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Dated this 7th day of July, 2011.

Dwight Mazmanian and
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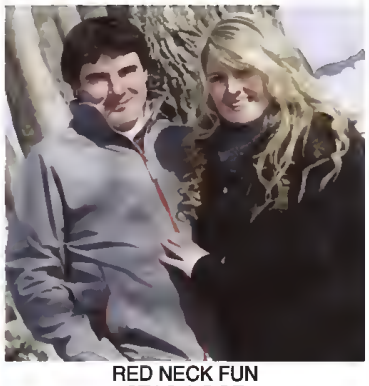

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Sat. July 30, 2011 at 8pm to ?
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# Marriages

**Sims & Randall**
It's with great joy the families of **Chris and Sarah Sima** announce their marriage which took place on the beach at the Buffalo Canoe Club, July 11, 2011. We wish you many years of health and happiness.
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# Thank You Cards

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

**Ivy Edwards would like to thank all her friends and relatives for sharing her 90th birthday with her.**
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# Deaths

**BEARSS/KENNEDY, Kristen Nicole** - Kristen Kennedy (nee Bearss) passed away suddenly on July 24th, 2011 at her home at the age of 31. Sadly missed by her partner and best friend Travis Kennedy. Proud mother of Zoe Winney, Maddox Kennedy and Aiyanna Kennedy. Loving daughter of Larry and Susan Bearss and granddaughter of Leo Bearss and Joan Tarnawsky. Fondly remembered by her brothers Craig (Martha) Bearss, Steven Bearss, Also survived by Nelson (Cinda) Kennedy and the members of the Kennedy family, her nephew Hayden and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Predeceased by her daughters Andanté Edwards (2000) and Kalianna Edwards (2003), her grandmother Miriam Bearss and grandfather Nicholas Tarnawsky. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Thursday evening from 7-9 pm. Funeral Services will take place in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. If so desired, contributions to a fund set to assist with the children's education would be appreciated by the family. Information available through Benner Funeral Services.
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# Deaths

**FRETZ - Lenore Mary** (nee Jackson). Peacefully at the Carpenter Hospice, Burlington on Thursday, July 21, 2011 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of Claude Girven Fretz for 64 years. Loving mother of William (Suzanne) Fretz, Randall (Faye) Fretz and Terry (Wendy) Fretz. Cherished Nanny of Jodi (Chris) Turkstra, Kate (Ben) Brown, Jenna Fretz, Christian Fretz, Jacob (Paige) Fretz, Benjamin (Aileen) Fretz, Jessie (James) Hoffman and Jordan Fretz. Much loved "Super-Nanny" to great-grandchildren Sophia, Hayvn, Jackson and Andie. Lenore will be dearly missed by her brother John (Barbara) Day and sister Patricia (Robert) Taylor. She is predeceased by her parents Gertrude and Harlowe Day, as well as her brothers Rolph Jackson and Albert Day. As per Lenore's wishes, cremation has taken place. Service of Remembrance will be held at Compass Point Bible Church, 1500 Kems Road, Burlington, on Friday, September 9, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. (Arrangements entrusted to SMITH'S FUNERAL HOME, BURLINGTON 905-632-3333). www.smithsfh.com
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## Deaths

**HAMM, Warren Rutherford** - On Tuesday, July 26th, 2011, Warren passed away peacefully, with his daughter Clara by his side, in Kanata, ON, at the age of 87 years. Predeceased by his first wife Elsie (April 1, 1987) and his son Gerald (January 1976). Survived by his wife Annette, his children Walter (Sharon) Hamm, Debbie (Jack) Melanson, Elsie (Bob) Prior, Trudy (Doug) Clack, Clara (Rick) Teal, Jane Hamm, Warren Hemm and Les (Bonnie) Hamm, his step-children Paula (David) Fitzsimmons and Peter (Pattie) Gaudet. Warren will be missed and remembered by his meny grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Brother to Ruth McSherry of Hemburg, NY end brother-in-law to Duane (Aggie) Tysick and Lynn (Barry) Barnnett. Predeceased by two brothers Roy end Albert and two sisters Martha and Mary. Friends may call at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME,** 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Vigil prayers will be held in the chepel on Sunday afternoon et 3 o'clock. Funeral Mass will be celebrated by The Rev. Fr. Stanley Kscuik at St. George Roman Cetholic Church, Crystal Beach on Monday, August 1st at 11 o'clock. Rite of Committal will follow at Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Sherkston. Donetions in his memory may be made to The Heart & Stroke Foundation or to The Canadian Cancer Society. Sharing of memories, pictures and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

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**HENNINGHAM, Patricia** - While surrounded by her family, Patricia passed eway peacefully at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday July 22, 2011 in her 82nd year. Loving wife of George "Bud" Henningham. Cherished mother of David John Henningham. Proud grandmother of Elizabeth (Lex) Crossley and great grandmother of Zöe and Gabriel. Predeceased by her son Allan Henningham, brothers George and Sem Anderson, and her sisters Lillian Hudd, Agnes Dunn and Mary Fenwick. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Sunday evening from 6-9 pm. Funerel Services will be conducted in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Monday at 2 pm. Interment to follow in McAffee Cemetery. If so desired, donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church Memorial Fund, the Canadian Cancer Society or the Canadian Wildlife Federation would be appreciated by the family.

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*Beautiful memories of one so dear.*

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## Deaths

**LACROIX, Gerard W.** - Passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday July 22, 2011 in his 81st year. Loving husband of nearly 60 year to Francoise "Fran". Proud father of Cecile (Rob) Paxton, Gerard Jr (Cathy)., Guy (Nellie), and Lynn (Russell). Cherished grandfather of Marc, Krista, Geremie, Matthew, Andrew, Michael and Robert. Also survived by his daughter in law Margaret. Predeceased by his son Gilles. Gerry worked as a mutual clerk for the OJC for over 15 yeers retiring in 1995. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave., entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Mondey July 25th from 6-9 pm. Funeral Services will be conducted in the Benner Funeral Chepel on Tuesdey morning et 11 o'clock. If so desired, donations to St. Michael's Building Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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**PALUMBO, Sebastiano "Sam"** - Peacefully with his femily at his side at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, Niagara Falls on Wednesday, July 27th, 2011 in his 86th yeer. Beloved husband of the lete Concetta Palumbo. Loving father of Nina (Angelo) Elia, Giuliana (Frank) Stranges, John Pelumbo (fiencée Summer) and Meria (Sandy) Guarasci. Loved Nonno of Frankie, Robbie, Michael, Christopher, James, Deniel, Sem, Sendro end Leah. Deer brother of Rose (Benny) Bonuomo and the late Philomena, Pasquale and Domenico. Also survived by meny nieces and nephews. Sam came to Fort Erie from Accadia, Foggia, Italy in 1953. He worked as a masonry for many years, retiring in 1991. He was a devoted husband, loving father end e doting Nonno. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Special thanks to Dr. Masood, Dr. Rajagopeul and the nursing steff at the Greater Niagara General Hospital. A very special thank you to our Zia Rose for elways being there for us. The family will receive their friends at **THE HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME,** 21 Wintemute Street, Fort Erie on Seturday 7-9 p.m. and Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass on Monday, August 1st at St. Michael's Church, Fort Erie et 1:00 p.m. The Rite of Committal with Entombment at Feirview Mausoleum, Niagara Falls. Vigil Prayers on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association. On-line condolences
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*There is a sad and sweet remembrance,*
*There is memory fond and true;*
*There is a token of affection*
*And a heartache still for you.*

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## Deaths

**SCOTT, Linda Lee (Sourwine)** - Passed away peacefully Saturday, July 22nd, 2011 at Douglas Memorial Hospital, Fort Erie, Ontario in her 65th year. Loving wife of William Scott. Loving mother of son Bill Scott (Jen) of Fort Erie, and daughter Ami McKay of Vancouver, BC. Sister of Dan Sourwine of Fort Erie, Fran (Wm) McTavish of St. Thomas, and Darlene (Larry) Benner of Grimsby. Predeceased by her parents Annette and Charles Sourwine. Also predeceesed by sister Becky (Kevin) Williams-Yeagers and brothers Rick (Kyrstyna) Sourwine and Ted (Carol) Sourwine. She will be missed by grandchildren Kayla, Brian and Ryan Scott, and Tavish and Braedy McKay and by many friends end femily. Special Thenks to Dr. Scher and nursing staff (including John) at the Douglas Memorial Hospital for their compassionete cere. Donetions to Dougles Memorial Hospital in Linda's memory would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES,** 905-894-0120.

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**SFERRAZZA, Giovanni "John"** - Passed awey et home surrounded by his loving family on July 28, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. His strong will and determination was strongly evident during this time as throughout his rich life. Beloved husband of the late Antonietta (nee Decembrini). Proud father of Charlie (Stephanie), Joe (Tracie) and Tony. Cherished Nonno of Chanel, Amelia, Antonietta, John, T.J. Natalie and Michael. Brother of Calogera (Calogero) and Salvetore (Antonietta). Predeceased by his brother Carmelo (Pasqua). He will be sadly missed by Lucille Hathaway and Dale Marr as well es ell of his cherished friends end extended family. John was the founder of Coliseum Paving, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Italo Cenadien Club and e former member of the Optimist Club. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, in his bountiful gerden, end et the Fort Erie Racetrack. His strength and passionate nature will be fondly remembered by all. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 7-9 and Sunday 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Mass will be offered on Monday at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church at 10 am. Entombment to follow in Fairview Mausoleum. If so desired, donations to St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church Building Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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# Tripp will act as interim chief administrative officer

Ron Tripp will serve the Town of Fort Erie as its acting chief administrative officer.

At a special closed session meeting on Wednesday evening, council voted to appoint Tripp, who is also the director of infrastructure services, as the interim CAO, effective Aug. 29.

This decision was made after it was announced last week that Harry Schlange would be leaving the position after five and a half years to pursue another employment opportunity in Ottawa.

"Ron has earned the respect of his peers and colleagues all across the region," said mayor Doug Martin.

"His appointment ensures the continuity of important Town operations and services," added the mayor.

A professional engineer, Tripp has served as director of infrastructure services since coming to Fort Erie in April 2005.

Previously he was employed by the Niagara Region and the City of St. Catharines.

At the meeting, council also agreed to embark on a process to recruit a permanent replacement.

# Music Fest ready to rock

The Crystal Beach Pavilion will be busting at the seams with an amazing line-up of local musicians.

The Fort Erie Music Fest designed to showcase musicians, bands and performers in the community is celebrating its 5th anniversary.

In previous years, it was difficult in securing the line-up for the event, but this year's group of musical talents were all set to hit the stage by March.

The concert features Combo Deluxe with Fort Erie native Alvin Lapp who has played with the Goo Goo Dolls. Other artists include Polyester Groove, Katie Winfield, Katrina Cabanna, Chrome, Little Lines, Stained Glass, Train Wreck, Guilty Pleasures, Flatlined and Amber Reigns. The event raises money for music programs at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School and Fort Erie Secondary School.

The annual event is a free concert taking place on Aug. 13, from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the Crystal Beach Pavilion near the Palmwood Hotel.

# Town gets slots revenues

The Town of Fort Erie received $354,123 as payment for the first-quarter share of slots revenue from April to June 2011 for hosting the OLG Slots at the Fort Erie Racetrack.

The OLG Slots opened at the racetrack on Sept. 9, 1999 and has attracted more than 14.9 million visitors since then.

To date, Fort Erie has received more than $32.8 million in non-tax gaming revenue.

These quarterly payments follow the government fiscal year which runs from April to March.

OLG has issued more than $18.4 million in first-quarter non-tax gaming revenue payments to 23 municipalities that host its casinos and slots. OLG has distributed $778.1 million among these municipalities, including Fort Erie.

The municipality receives five per cent of the gaming facility's gross slot machine revenue from the first 450 slot machines and two per cent from any additional machines after that.

Over the next year, the province will give $120 million in gaming revenue to support charities through the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

An estimated $41 million of the gaming revenue will be given to program research for the treatment and prevention of gambling addiction.

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## Bricks & Bouquets

**If you have a brick or bouquet send it to editorial@forterietimes.com or phone 905-871-3100, ext. 210 and leave a message**

**Brick**

To the people who are too cheap to buy a dollar garbage tag. Instead, you fill garbage cans in front of local stores. Why should local stores take care of your garbage? Yes, one bag of garbage is a joke, but don't take it out on the stores.. we did not make that decision to go down to one bag.

**Bouquet**

To the volunteers at St. Paul's Anglican Church who are providing a free breakfast (open to all) on Thursday mornings in the Parish Centre between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Way to go!

**Bouquet**

To the lady who picks up other people's litter as she takes her dog for an early morning walk in the area of Queen Street and Central Ave. Recently, I saw her with two grocery bags full. Thank you for helping in an ongoing battle of keeping our neighbourhood clean.

**Bouquet**

To the man in Ridgeway near Hazel and North Mill Streets who is seen regularly picking up litter. Nice job!

**Bouquet**

To everyone who deals with the hot weather with a smile, rather than complaining about it. Some people will never be happy. Even in the cold weather they find a way to complain.

**Brick**

To people who leave their dogs in the car without leaving the windows all the way down. Maybe you should trade places with these animals and see how it feels to be stuck in a hot vehicle.

**Bouquet**

To people who take the time to clean up their dog's mess when they 'do their duties' on other people's lawns. All it takes is a single scoop of a bag.

## Fort Erie ~ A Community In Bloom

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### THE PERFECT SUNDAY AFTERNOON DRIVE

In our busy lives while driving back and forth to work or taking children to their many activities, it is difficult to take the time to observe the many items that create pride in Fort Erie that we could otherwise enjoy. So, take time for a Sunday afternoon drive and make a point to stop and look closely at many attractive areas. Take a walk through the trails of Shagbark Nature Park on Prospect Point Road, read the interpretive signage and have a good look at the chimney swift construction. "Welcome to the Southern Coast of Canada" invites an attractive sign, as a rowboat and plantings introduce you to Crystal Beach on the corner of Gorham and Farr Roads. Follow Gorham Road south but stop as often as possible to take in the beautiful boulevard plantings which are the result of many hours of volunteer effort. The Crystal Beach Waterfront Park is next- have you seen the propeller of the Canadiana or have you attended the CBIA concerts yet? Drive along Erie Road but stop and perhaps take some pictures of the Morning Glories climbing the fence along the way. By the Town Hall Pond, you'll find the Angel of Peace Memorial. Spend a quiet moment of reflection there. Next, go to Stevensville to walk the trails of the Fort Erie Conservation Club and marvel at the attractive log building. Or, drive along Highland and Phipps Streets and note the new street tree plantings. Stop at Fort Erie Elementary School to see the entry way garden and a very different Wild Garden created by many volunteers. Climb aboard that magnificent locomotive "6218" and relive the early days of railway through the photo gallery in the Ridgeway Station. Check the story of our red T-33 Trainer and go for a walk around the pond of Sugarbowl Park. Be sure to see the "Dreams to Memories" section where memorial trees are planted in memory of the loss of a terminally ill young parent. Again, many volunteer hours have gone into the creation of the gardens at The First Baptist Church at the corner of Central and Bertie. You've probably been to Old Fort Erie, but, have you taken the time to have a good look at the gardens in front? There are, of course, many more places to stop at and enjoy on your Sunday afternoon drive – Riverwalk and Freedom Park, Erie Beach Trail and the work of virtually eradicating Purple Loosestrife by The Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks on Pettit Road, for example. Also, include an evening stop after 9 o'clock to see the colourful changing light display on the Peace Bridge. So, do take time for that perfect Sunday afternoon drive. See Fort Erie!

### ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Litter destroys the beauty of a community and also diminishes pride. Litter from one area often blows onto streets, parking lots and green spaces. When litter ends up in our creeks and wooded areas, it can be dangerous to our wildlife and the health of our environment. Randomly discarded items such as gum and cigarette butts endanger our environment, our wildlife and our economy. Litter costs us money.

Your environmental tip of the week is to take five or ten minutes out of your day and pick up some garbage in your neighbourhood or somewhere that you think might really need it. This small task will not only make you smile but it will make your neighbours and the environment smile too! Cleanliness is contagious.

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# Chamber News

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

- G & D Renovation & Repair
- Welland Heritage Council & Multicultural Centre
- Niagara Falls International Marathon
- John Darch– The Co-operators Insurance
- Ridgeway's Bed & Breakfast
- Anne Smithson Counselling Services
- PENNZOIL "10 Minute Oil Change"
- Danz Catering
- NuLook Interiors - Nuala Dirkson

## BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**Sponsored by OLG**

Nominate a deserving business in the Greater Fort Erie area
(This is open to both Chamber members and non-members)
Visit our website, at
www.greaterfortteriechamber.com
under the Business Excellence Awards tab for award categories and nomination application.

## BUSINESS AFTER 5

**SHERKSTON PAINTBALL**
**August 18, 2011 from 5—7 p.m.**
490 Empire Road, Sherkston

Notify the Chamber if you want to participate in the Paintball Exhibition!

## WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE SAYING:

*"I've been an active chamber member in communities from Toronto to Fort Erie for over 20 years and am most impressed with the FECC Business After 5 Events . They have been the most beneficial and rewarding networking functions I've ever attended."*
**- Keith Bellamy, ICCE Media**

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